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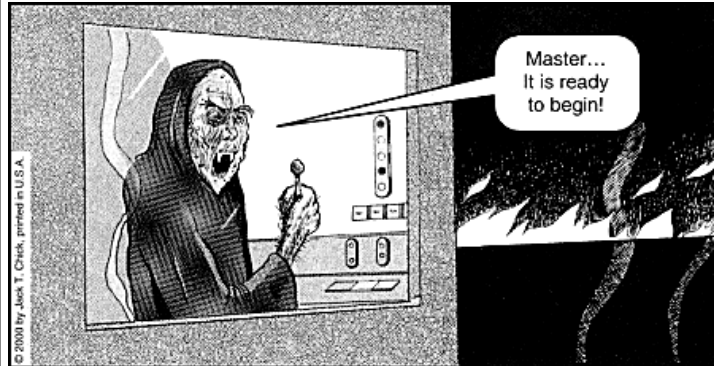
Dissections Jack Chick

Here's Chick's introduction, from the Big List O' Tracts: "Time was running out for Ashley. Drugs would soon kill her. But a praying grandmother made the difference."

In the epic war between heaven and hell over souls, the Battle of Ashley Wilson would go down in the history books of angel, demon and man alike as one of the most deciding battles. Also, something vaguely about how some TV show from half a century ago helps give people black magic superpowers. Yes, this is apparently named after that cheesy sitcom in which an average mid-20th-century stereotypical marriage is mildly complicated by the fact that the wife is a witch.



No thanks, I already have one!



"It is time for our rave, sire! Does everybody have their lollipops?"

What the fuck is this guy, anyway? I didn't know feces got an afterlife.



Say what you will about Hell, but it does have some pretty nice conference rooms.

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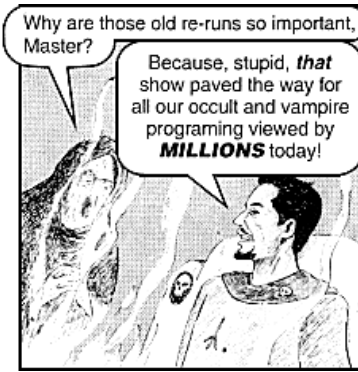
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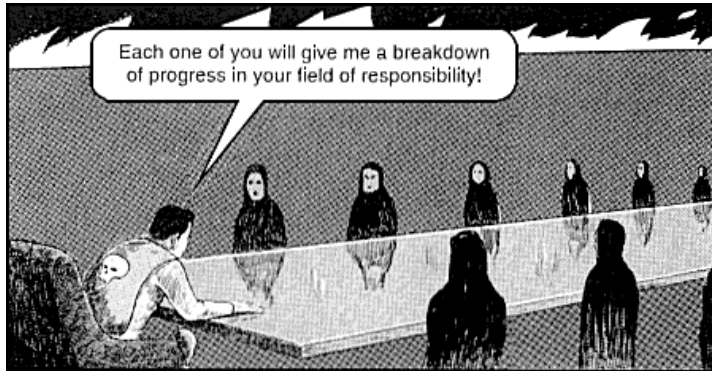
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Effective at what? Is watching Get Smart effective at making people detectives? Does watching episodes of The Monkees make people instantly able to play the guitar? Do Chick-Brand fundamentalists really believe that looking at a thing makes you somehow turn into it? Is that why they're always trying to censor everyone's genitals? 'Cause it ain't working - they're all still dicks.

Let's step back to a meta level, here: By depicting evil and witchcraft and such, isn't Jack aiding Satan in exactly the same way as these TV shows of which he's so critical?

Anyway, if Bewitched is an act of Satan, was Dick York getting injured and subsequently becoming addicted to painkillers, collapsing on the set, and quitting the show all an act of God?



"Sir, I know this is hell and all, but, uh, me and the boys were wondering... can we at least have chairs? Even legs would be nice. I mean, you wouldn't think we'd need legs in Hell and all, but... you built all these board rooms for some reason."



"And all of it's working! Every young person who ever uses a Ouija board gets everything they want!" I'd find this more believable if there was ANY EVIDENCE AT ALL that ANY OF THIS HAD ANY TANGIBLE EFFECT. And how are "hallucinatory drugs" tools of Satan? The same way as rock music, I'd imagine.

"We have a winner in our drug division... the Oscar goes to... cocaine!" *applause* *handjobs all around*

Impressive he can juggle drugs. Pills are hard to catch, and syringes are a real bitch.



Astrology sales? "Yes, I'd like to buy an Astrology, please."

LET'S USE ARBITRARY SYMBOLISM TO COMBAT OTHER ARBITRARY SYMBOLISM

Why'd they all suddenly turn into Plaid Elementals?



I think the dude on the left is about to sneeze, all over what's apparently the ghost of Nelson Muntz.

"Our lady with the gift of prophecy"? Am I missing a joke here or something?

In claiming anarchy is "evil", one is implying that fascism is "good". It also seems to illustrate a fundamental misunderstanding of what anarchy really is. Then again, Chick and ilk also feel that pornography and homosexuality are "evil" as well. I'd like for them to explain to me what intrinsic properties any of these things have that make them "evil". And I mean *intrinsic*, not symbolism that's been attached to them by religion or cultural superstition or societal superego.

"Who wants to smell my finger? Guys? Hey! Hey, guys! Do you dare me to shove it into this fire? Who'll give me ten bucks to shove it into this fire?"



So, wait, the really terrifying implication, here, based on the emphasis of certain words, is that Chick wants there to be a *fundamentalist* One World Government. Chilling.

Though, uh, wait a damn minute - how can there be a worldwide government if anarchy is on the rise? Again... fundamental misunderstanding of terms. I'm beginning to think that's what "fundamentalist" really means.

"Ecumenical movement". Oh, God forbid people try to arbitrarily organize our arbitrary symbolism!



"Well, given our apparently near-total domination of the media, government, religion, and consumer goods, this single praying grandmother totally throws a fuckin' spanner into our works, doesn't it?"

You know, there's something I never understood: What kind of god would want people to starve themselves in order for something positive to happen in their lives? What the cock is that shit? It's like, "all this horrible stuff is happening in my life! Please make it stop!" "NOT UNLESS YOU COMPLICATE THINGS FURTHER BY MAKING YOURSELF SICK BY STOPPING NUTRIENT INTAKE." "Yes, God! You are truly loving and just!"



I don't really get the whole "battle for souls" thing, either. So, life is just one big sorting system for souls? Like Earth is one big Plinko board like on The Price is Right, only instead of different amounts of money at the bottom, it's "Hell", "Heaven", "Purgatory", "Limbo", etc?

gasp *An executive!*

I dunno, the infodump on the right is just goofy. Do they have this all in some big database somewhere? I wonder what Hell's filing technique is. Let us hope it isn't unstoppable.



So she sleeps with a nest with eggs in it, a Raggedy Andy, and half a cat stitched to half a large rabbit.

"Dear God, Why does my head hurt? The whole top of my head. I don't know why."

"Yes, master, she also wants her home." Ashley's grandmother wants Ashley's home? Or...?

Yeah, when was the last time you saw someone pray for something, and than that prayer *actually came true*? Probably the last time you saw a Ouija board actually work, I'm sure.

Something fun to do while reading these: Swap every instance of "salvation" with "salivation".



I somehow doubt the plausibility of your prognosis, doctor Turd-in-a-Robe.



Jack Chick: Expert on drug use and its effects. Oh, and hey, while we're at it, why don't we ask him about D&D and sex?

Groovy! Dig the lingo, man! Totally bummer, dude! Like, radical! ...Not!

And the conversation, here, just doesn't make any damn bit of sense. It's so fucking contrived. Where'd the "your mom" thing come from? And what's with the assumption that they're into drugs, so they're all, like, totally into this groovy, bitchin' mystic shit, too, dude? Bogus!



"Turn not to those (mediums) who fart ghosts from their talking nipples." - Lev 19:31

So, uh, I've never actually seen this happen. Anyone else? Is Jack writing these about another dimension, or...? Perhaps he's more experienced with drug use than we'd expect.

Her mom is a translucent Punch and Judy puppet.

BIBLE WARNING

Caution: Bible is hot.



"Ashley's grandmother continues with her prevailing prayer." Try saying that five times fast.

I like how "the enemy" is so clear-cut a concept. Evil always has a face, and the entire world operates in black and whites! *There is never any middle ground/grey area/etc!*

So apparently there's no real free will at all - your actions are all dominated by either other people's prayers or demonic influence. And I like how she's hitchhiking. Yeah, that's real fucking safe. God is compelling sixteen-year-old girls to hitchhike.



Boy, what a better world it would be if we executed every person claiming to be clairvoyant, and every supposed psychic. Round up the gays in there, too, and that would just solve *every problem* wouldn't it?

Isn't it also an Old Testament law not to eat a calf in its mother's milk? [Haven't we been through this?](#)



Supposed LSD brain damage or not, anyone who can't recognize a hallucination has some preexisting issues. Same goes for the heart attack - nowhere have I read that LSD causes heart problems or heart attacks, so obviously she had a weak heart to begin with. She could've watched The Ring and had a similar reaction.

So, uh... I guess what Jack is saying, here, is that LSD and other drugs actually have no effect at all, and that all the things you experience while on it, and all the flashbacks, are all really just demonic activity.

How often is he going to rely on this tactic of depicting characters with obviously preexisting conditions as developing these issues from "sin", anyway?

Everybody wants the doctor who makes a flash diagnosis and then immediately retracts it. "I'm afraid she's going to die; we're not sure whether she's going to die, but ask again at eight."



That night, grandma was sucked into the Plaid Dimension, where angels are apparently bouncers of some sort.

"I **hate** the way that woman prays. Ass all sticking out like that... gah. Seriously, her posture is *horrible*. And it doesn't help that she does it in her Bobcat Goldthwait voice, either. **Hate** it."

Hands up, Christians, how many times God has immediately answered your prayers, bending to your every whim.



(Insert usual blah blah blah fundamentalist Jesus Saves rant here.)

"Hey, grandma, thanks for waking me back up into this horrible nightmare of a world! What's that? Jesus? Sure, I'll buy whatever the hell you want to tell me. Just let me die."



"I'm saved, I'm saved, just let me die already! Jesus, souls, he's in my heart, whatever. Yes, yes, I saw the pink penguins, and the rose-colored bear draped me in a blanket of spider's silk, and they served the tea made from the magical goat urine. Yes, yes. Goodb... good... what's that? Yes, grandma, I did. Beavers sorrowfully releasing daffodils into the stream, and all that. Goodbye, grandma."

"I'm sorry, you'll *have* to go now. No relatives comforting their dying relatives in their final moments. Hospital policy."

"This is Dr. Hensley. I'm sorry, but Ashley passed away just 10 minutes ago. Call back at 6:45 and we'll know for sure."



"I have ways of making you **really** sorry. You can't come to tomorrow's rave. Nyah."

I'm sorry, this is all just too ridiculous, and anyone who believes this is a gullible moron. There, I've said it. There's no other way of looking at it. It's just too damn silly. Grandma versus the demon! Who will win? Who gets her soul? Who will Ashley choose? Who gives a shit?

Seriously, is this all there is? Is this what an omnipotent fucking being who created and controls all the cosmos does to occupy his fucking time? Uses grandmas to play tug-o-war with cloaked anthropomorphic feces? Hell, we *humans* have come up with better entertainment than that.

Here, God, wanna play my Wii? Come on down. You can squirt carrot juice at crazy-looking rabbits by making jerk-off motions and navigate a pig through a bomb field and dozens of other things, all in just one game. Much more fun than this stupid "count the souls!" shit you've got going on.

Y'know, for a Tract called Bewitched, with the whole TV sitcom setup in the first few panels, the show sure didn't factor in much to any of this. What the fuck?

Because everyone else is doing it:



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1. After reading that comic... lets just say, I need to go clean myself up. :)

Comment by [Marti Abernathey](#) — 2/16/2007 @ 10:02 am

2. The death bed scene was reeall stupid and gay.

But, the rest is fairly on track. Thought the prophecizing woman would be Mary-yet another attack on her!!

BTW-fasting is Biblical, Christ did for 40 days!! IT has a purifying principle. And yes, opening up to occultic practices has been documented for 2000 yrs ot open a portal to Satan. Sorry, the way it works.

Comment by [John Chance](#) — 2/16/2007 @ 10:29 am

3. Well, "documented" how? In the same way that people buy EMF detectors and use them to find "ghosts"? That's the thing, anyone can draw faith-based conclusions about any phenomenon. Once you detach yourself from comparing the observable to the observable, any explanation becomes just as "valid" as any other. There's no more evidence that Ouija boards open up a path to demons and the devil than there is that they open up a path to undetectable, malicious, mind-controlling hedgehogs.

Comment by [Jabberwock](#) — 2/16/2007 @ 1:09 pm

4. Maybe the nurse was all "I'm sorry, but you have to go; your fundamentalistic rabble is getting the other patients nervous."

Maybe the nurse was EVAHL!

Comment by Saritasoji — 2/16/2007 @ 3:00 pm

5. Chick is claiming that astrology, ouija boards, and media are familiar spirits - but they aren't. How suspicious.

The formula he uses to invoke Jesus *does* seem suspiciously like a spell. And what he values most about Jesus is not his miraculous gospel, but his ability to cast Polymorph and Resurrect. Hmm - maybe his going on about media and astrology are some kind of cover-up. But for who...?

Wait, holy shit!

Jack Chick is in league with Satan and his wizards!

Comment by Alec — 2/16/2007 @ 10:28 pm

6. I never knew that Satan made Bewitched in order to lure people into the occult. I want to see Jack Chick's take on Gilligan's Island.

Comment by Josh — 2/17/2007 @ 5:29 am

7. I'm starting to think this Jack Chick fellow is a tad bit misguided.

Comment by Craig — 2/17/2007 @ 6:15 am

8. The doctor who tells Grandma that Ashley's dead is, I think, the idiot kidnapper from "Kidnapped!" Scary thought.

Comment by Phoenix — 2/17/2007 @ 4:31 pm

9. I'm scared. I watched "Bewitched" religiously (no pun) when I was a kid. I'm going to hell and both of my grandmas are dead. Who will save my soul?

Comment by Mom — 2/18/2007 @ 1:14 am


10. The devil seemed awful pissed at losing one soul. Bah, who cares about that one soul. At the rate Jack Chick says they're going, the demons of hell will control the world in ten years. Better join the winning side and start watching bewitched and studying astrology

Comment by Rarend — 2/18/2007 @ 9:27 am

11. I love these dissections!

If I may make a suggestion for another tract to dissect, Flight 144 is TRULY AWFUL.

Comment by Your Face — 2/18/2007 @ 12:49 pm

12. These are entertaining. I like anyone who points out any and all errors in Mr. Chick's storylines. I can't say I approve of your attacks on Christianity, but since you use logic to back them up, I'll let it slide. I do request that you tone down the foul language a bit though. It'd be just as funny without the F word. (Though "doctor Turd-in-a-Robe" is pretty funny) )

Comment by Joshua — 2/18/2007 @ 3:04 pm

13. Gilligan's Island, you should know, is expressly for purposes of making kids gay. It's the main form of getting visible, talking demons who everyone pretends aren't there to crawl over them and make them gay. (Readers of some of the other tracts will get the joke.)

Comment by Randy — 2/18/2007 @ 10:20 pm

14. Wow...If Bewitched is satanic I had better stop watching Charmed...

Comment by Kat — 2/19/2007 @ 3:19 pm

15. "I'll let it slide."

"I do request that you tone down the foul language a bit though."

Who died and made you Prince of Fucktardia? King Douche Anklebiter III?? Queen Shitty McFuckstaff??? Lord Sthrus of Twatshire????

You better tone down that fat face of yours, pissnuts.

Comment by Djur — 2/25/2007 @ 1:01 am

16. Wow, Djur. With a brilliant comment like that, you should be running this site.

Comment by Josh — 2/25/2007 @ [1:14 am](#)

17. Josh:

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QED, dogg.

Comment by Djur — 2/25/2007 @ [1:38 am](#)

18. Also: if 60 trips on acid (even `mixed with speed`) were enough to kill you, the Sixties would have ended in about 1965 when all the hippies' arteries gelled up and they keeled over dead.

Hey, Robert Anton Wilson just died recently at a good age. He probably did more like six *thousand* trips.

Comment by Djur — 2/25/2007 @ [2:13 am](#)

19. I was seeking out and collecting some of the better satire versions of Chick Tracts I could find online yesterday. Your dissections are well done as well so I had to add a link to the category from my post

[Going to Hell on Brunswick](#)

Comment by Richard — 2/25/2007 @ [5:43 am](#)

20. Your commentary was pretty good on this tract! I should read the other commentaries while I'm here! :thumbsup:

Comment by ScarletSword — 2/26/2007 @ [3:51 am](#)

21. I did use a ouija board once, and it did "feel" like it was moving by itself. Of course, it wasn't a supernatural thing as much as it was a subconscious thing.

Comment by Linkage — 2/26/2007 @ [10:54 am](#)

22. Is it just me, or does Ashley look like a man in a skirt when she's hitching? That or some sort of wedge of cake or pie. Mmmm... pie...

Comment by IkaTaii — 2/26/2007 @ [10:34 pm](#)

23. If Mr.Chick truly believes that "Bewitched" can turn teenage girls to witches, then it's not surprising that he believe his ridiculus tracts can turn people to fundies.

Comment by il-Palazzo — 2/27/2007 @ [8:20 am](#)

24. There's so many things wrong, not simply from a theological standpoint, but a design standpoint.

Page 6: Playing cards: definitely a path to the occult, like dominoes.

Page 8: Mmm, Satan looks pretty hot in this picture. I don't know why, everyone is dressed like medieval monks being addressed by a superhero.

Paraphrasing page 9, right hand side: "Most Christian churches are members of the Church of Satan."

Panel 11: "I got her mother and her little dog, too!"

Panel 14: I think there's some gays who think a comic showing the Satan character working over the hairy hippie would be hot. Or maybe that's just me.

Panel 18: One panel, the demon is making Ashley hallucinate. In the next, the demon is being taken out on a stretcher?

It took me a while to figure out grandma was praying by Ashley's grave in the last panel. It looked like she was kneeling on a rug near a large sheet of paper.

Comment by Randy — 2/27/2007 @ [10:05 pm](#)

25. I just read this tract for the second time, and have come to a shocking and horrible realization:
That's not Satan at all! It's actually Tony Stark, alter ego of The Invincible Iron Man!

...I wonder if that makes Captain America Jesus? And where does Spiderman fit into all this?

Comment by That Guy — 3/7/2007 @ 12:46 pm

26. And all this time I thought Walmart was the devil. Damn. This shit is so funny, and oddly enough: I'm a Christian. I was thinking about starting a Jack Chick comic collection, it's not hard. Some idiot keeps leaving them in the restroom at work.

Comment by Jason — 3/8/2007 @ 2:08 pm

27. "Is watching Get Smart effective at making people detectives?"

To be fair, I don't think being on Get Smart made Maxwell Smart real effective at being a detective. He only managed to disguise his idiocy with competent co-workers and dumb luck.

Comment by Phoenix — 3/13/2007 @ 11:06 pm

28. "Believe ON him"

WTF? Am I supposed to hump him screaming "I believe! I believe!?"

Comment by Darren — 4/9/2007 @ 8:31 pm

29. Jack Chick is in league with satan!!! He uses horrible tracts to make people turn away from Christianity!!!

Comment by Hazzard — 4/10/2007 @ 1:58 am

30. Whatever it is that the demon in the first panel is holding, it looks so much like a lollipop that when you called it such, I didn't even realize you were joking. It was after like the third read that I even noticed that it wouldn't make sense for a demon to have a lollipop. Hm, maybe it's a poorly drawn version of one of those skinny 1950s gameshow microphones.

Comment by Aaron — 4/17/2007 @ 5:20 pm

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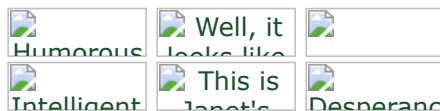
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